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JEKYL LANDING AND STEAMER

Jekyl Island Club

Brunswick, Georgia

1911

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Jekyl Island.

OFF the coast of Georgia, a short distance from the City of Brunswick, lies Jekyl Island, one of the several islands of exceptional beauty famed for the historical part they have played in the earlier history of the South. These islands were settled originally by the British General Oglethorpe, founder of the Colony of Georgia.

Jekyl Island was named by General Oglethorpe for his friend, Sir Joseph Jekyl. Some time after its first settlement, a daring, but improvident, English officer set to work with two thousand of his countrymen to clear the vast fields and impenetrable woods. After doing so, he planted the famous "Rye Patch;" established the first brewery that was ever built in America and manufactured the only real English beer ever brewed in this country. Later, the island was purchased by a gentleman from France and for many years remained in the possession of his descendants.

Finally the beauty and charm of Jekyl Island attracted the notice of some Northern men who were looking for a desirable property in the South where they might establish Southern homes. Negotiations by them for the purchase of the islands were brought to a successful termination February 1, 1888, and the titles passed to the newly organized Jekyl Island Club, with a membership limited to one hundred.

As anticipated, Jekyl Island has proven to be most ideally situated, remote from the confusion and stress of the outside world and yet within easy reach of all the business centres of the country.

The island is eleven miles long and two miles wide and embraces, altogether, twenty-two square miles or fourteen thousand acres. On its Eastern side are eleven miles of beach

as hard as a shell road and on the Western side is a landing which is reached by a pleasant sail in the Club Steamer, from Brunswick.

The Club House is a large structure of brick and faces the bay from a gently undulating lawn. The Club House is equipped with every modern improvement; besides spacious drawing and reception rooms and dining halls there are bedrooms *en suite* with bathrooms sufficient for the accommodation of one hundred guests. The restaurant is perfect, both as regards cooking and service, and "Jekyl Oysters," "Jekyl Terrapin" and planked Shad are features of the Club table that cannot be surpassed.

Attached to the Club House is the Club Annex, containing eight apartments, belonging to Henry H. Vail, General Edmund Hayes, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, J. J. Albright, Mrs. Emma B. Kennedy, Cornelius N. Bliss, George H. Macy, and Charles Lanier.

There is another apartment house, too, known as the "Sans Souci," having six apartments which are owned by Frederick G. Bourne, James J. Hill, J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert C. Pruyn, William Rockefeller, and James A. Scrymser.

On the grounds, also, are the private residences of Charles S. Maurice, Edwin Gould, Mrs. Hester E. Shrady, Mrs. Frederic Baker, Mr. Ferguson, William Rockefeller, Henry K. Porter, Mrs. Goodyear, William Struthers, and Joseph Pulitzer.

The Club members maintain a well equipped School House for the children of its white employees, also a summer day and night school which is well attended by the Club's colored employees, old and young.

An electric plant supplies all of the buildings and grounds with electric lights and an excellent water supply is obtained from artesian wells.

A fine vegetable garden supplies the Club with early and delicious vegetables.

There is a well equipped Livery Stable, with carriages and liveried drivers and also saddle horses, and, in addition, a Club Stable where the horses and carriages of the members are cared for.

Religious services are held in a very attractive Union Chapel. Services here recall the beautiful services in the past conducted by Bishops Potter, Doane, Nelson and Reese and Dr. Schauffler. The Club waiters compose the choir.

Too much cannot be said of the attractiveness and beauty of the thirty miles of drives, also of the bridle and bicycle paths, through the pine and live oak forests and the palmetto, holly and magnolia, thence out on the magnificent beach. During a drive on the old plantation roads one often sees wild deer and bebies of quail.

On the inland water there are steam launches, boats and canoes for the use of the members.

The new golf links of the Club are, it is claimed, the finest in the South. In addition to golf there are two tennis courts and a croquet ground.

The shooting season commences the first of November and lasts to March 15th. Deer, wild turkeys, ducks and quail afford fair sport. For the convenience of the sportsmen paths have been cut throughout the island. The Club records show that over 2,200 quail have been shot during the season by members and guests.

The lawns are well kept and sown with seed imported from England. They are embellished with beds of brightly blooming flowers. Flowers bloom on Jekyl Island all winter long in great variety, and the climbing vines, such as the Cherokee Rose, the Wistaria, Trumpet Creeper and the Jessamine, in conjunction with the many beautiful spring flowers, form a picture that is a delight to the eyes. On the lawn, too, there are a variety of palmetto trees and clumps of Bayonet palmetto. Wild Orange trees, loaded with fruit and fragrant blossoms, are plentiful.

The native birds and those migrating in the spring are

of many varieties, and the sweet tones of the mocking bird are heard day and night.

There is a competent resident Physician on the island.

A small steamer stops at the island twice daily with the mail.

The history of Jekyl and its neighboring islands is one of unusual interest. The waters surrounding the island lead to most interesting places, places where General Oglethorpe and his company of English soldiers and sturdy Highlanders built the old Fort Fredrika; where Aaron Burr planned his wonderful scheme of a magnificent Empire; where John Wesley preached to Malatchee, the fiery Prince of the Lower Creeks, and to Tomachichi, the venerable Indian chief; where the stump of an old tree stands from which was cut a strong beam for the old ship Constitution, and from which is now growing a magnolia tree freighted with snowy blossoms; and where the "Wanderer," in 1859, freighted with a cargo of slaves, landed them fresh from the shores of Africa. There are, also, other places of interest, the Castle "Dungeness" on Cumberland Island, the place where the Phantom Coach appears, and where Lighthouse Harry Lee is buried, and there are the "Marshes of Glynn," made famous by Sidney Lanier's matchless poem.

The following extract from a letter received from a recent visitor to the Jekyl Island Club, needs no comment:

"I thank you for my two weeks at Jekyl Island. They were most enjoyable and how could they be otherwise, surrounded as I was with charming, well-bred people, with an interesting golf course, and men to play with whose keen interest in the game and spirit of fun made eighteen holes a real treat.

"Then came a drive through those woodland groves, along that wonderful beach, and, after a good dinner, an evening before the wood fire in the smoking room, listening to men who have seen and done things,

men with war experience and stories of hunting and yachting and traveling, here and in other lands, interspersed with wit and humor, and, think of it, no gossip. I, for once, did not miss the band and music and the dancing which are found in so many of our Southern watering places. Those beautiful moonlight nights and the days when the air was filled with a perfume of flowers and the mocking birds were singing in the trees, were much more to my taste, and when it came to Sunday, the services in the little Chapel, where eminent bishops and divines discoursed upon things which every thoughtful man is thinking about, suited me.

“It is certainly a unique place. I know of no resort of the kind in this country or any other country. And when you see the tired men and women, who come there, restored to health and strength, you feel that there must be some combination of circumstances that makes the place so attractive and restoring. The real spirit of comradeship, which makes all young and old feel that they belong to the family, stimulates one to give of their best for the pleasure of others.”

It can readily be seen from the foregoing that the Jekyl Island Club is what its projectors planned, a Southern home, free from all the noise and confusion of a fashionable watering place. The whole environment is one of refinement, and the Club today is one of the most restful places in America.

J.A.S.



CLUB HOUSE LAWN



CLUB HOUSE AND APARTMENT HOUSE



FROM CLUB HOUSE LOOKING SOUTH

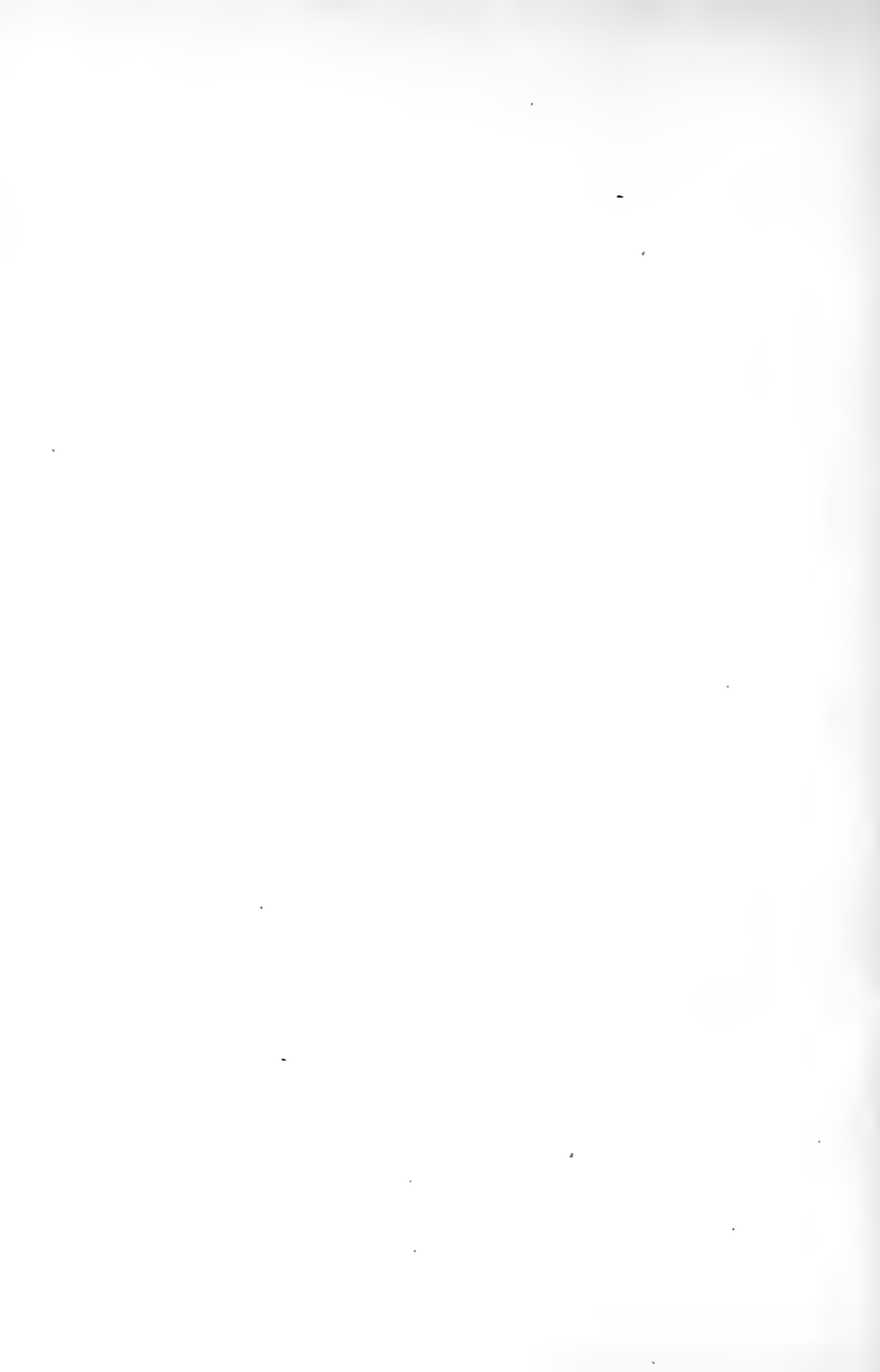


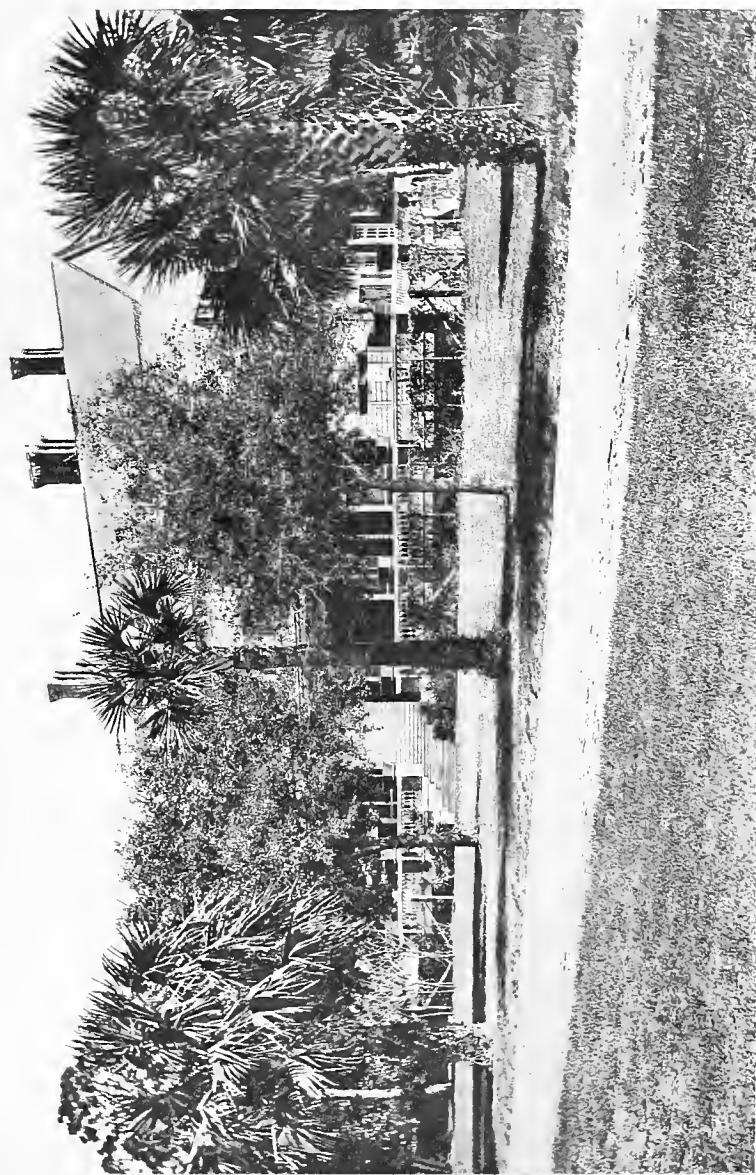
"SANS-SONCI" APARTMENTS



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COTTAGE OF WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER





MR. H. K. PORTERS HOUSE



"LAWN PARTY" MISTLETOE COTTAGE



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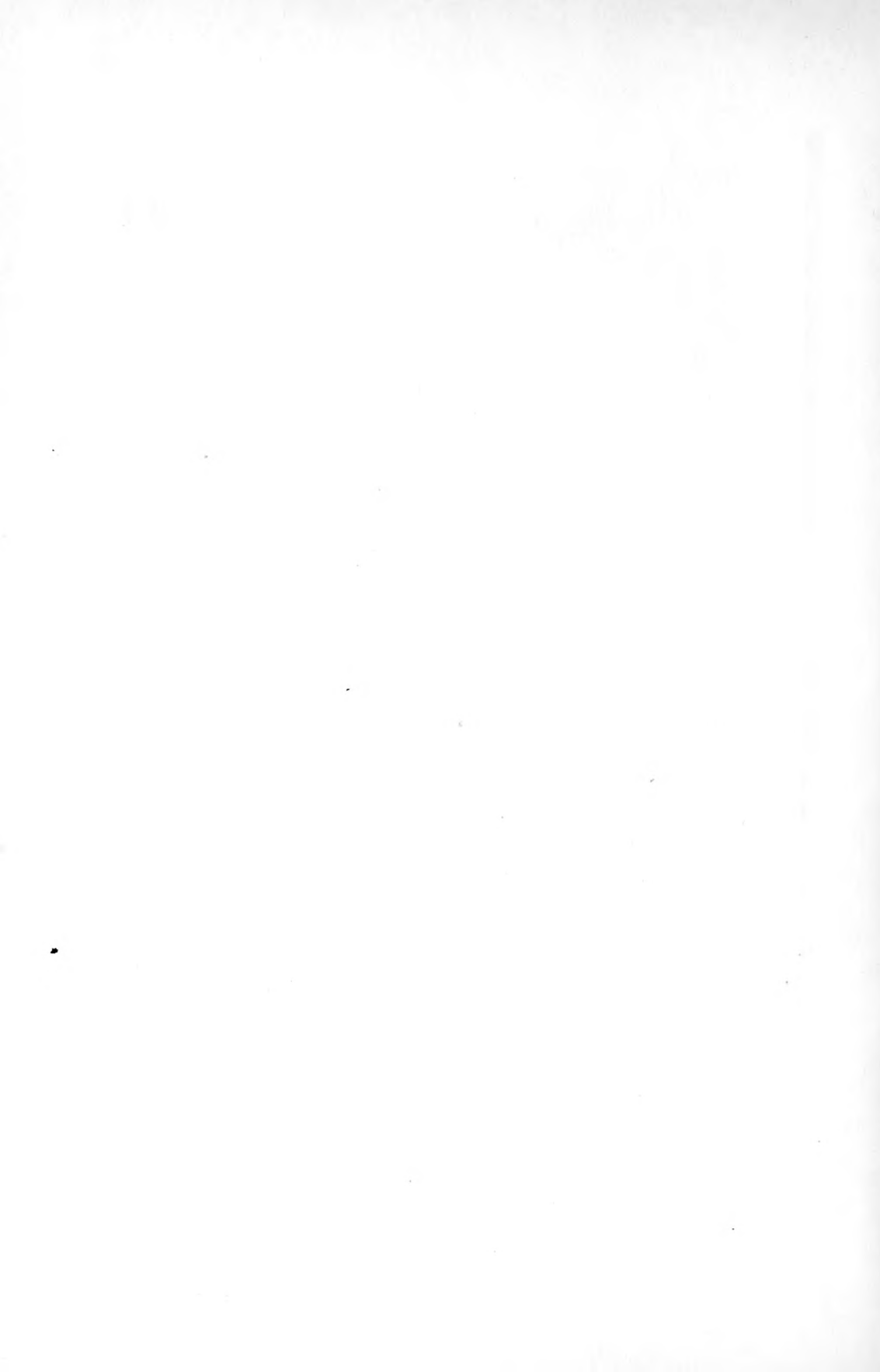
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COTTAGE OF W. STRUTHERS

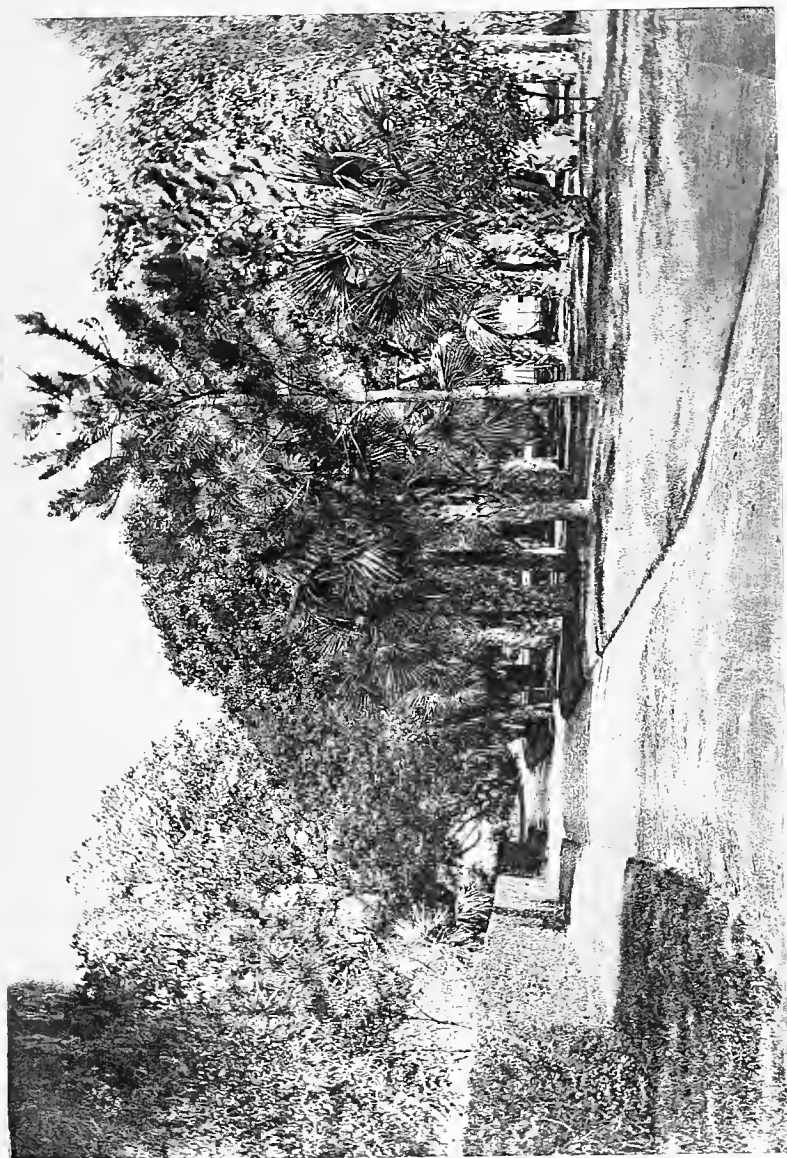


PAIR OF HORSES IN FRONT OF HOUSE.

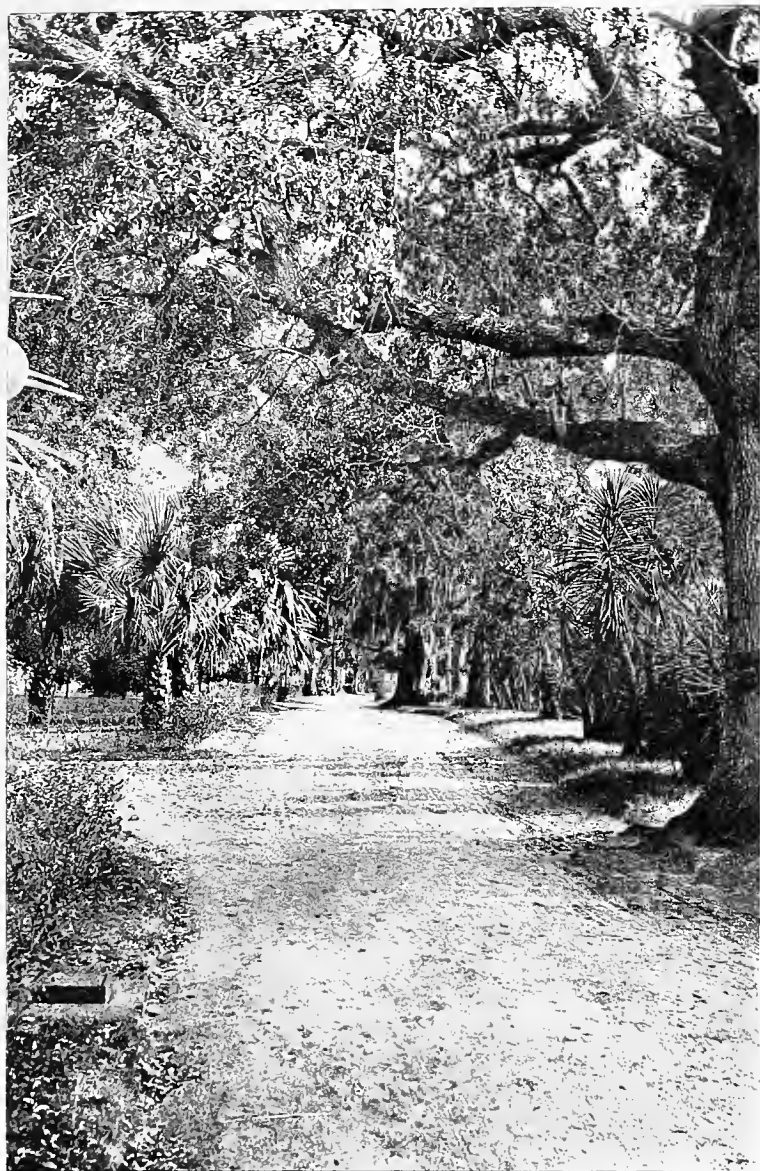




COTTAGE OF J. PULITZER



PALMETTOS - OAKS AND PINES



SOUTH END OF CLUB ENCLOSURE



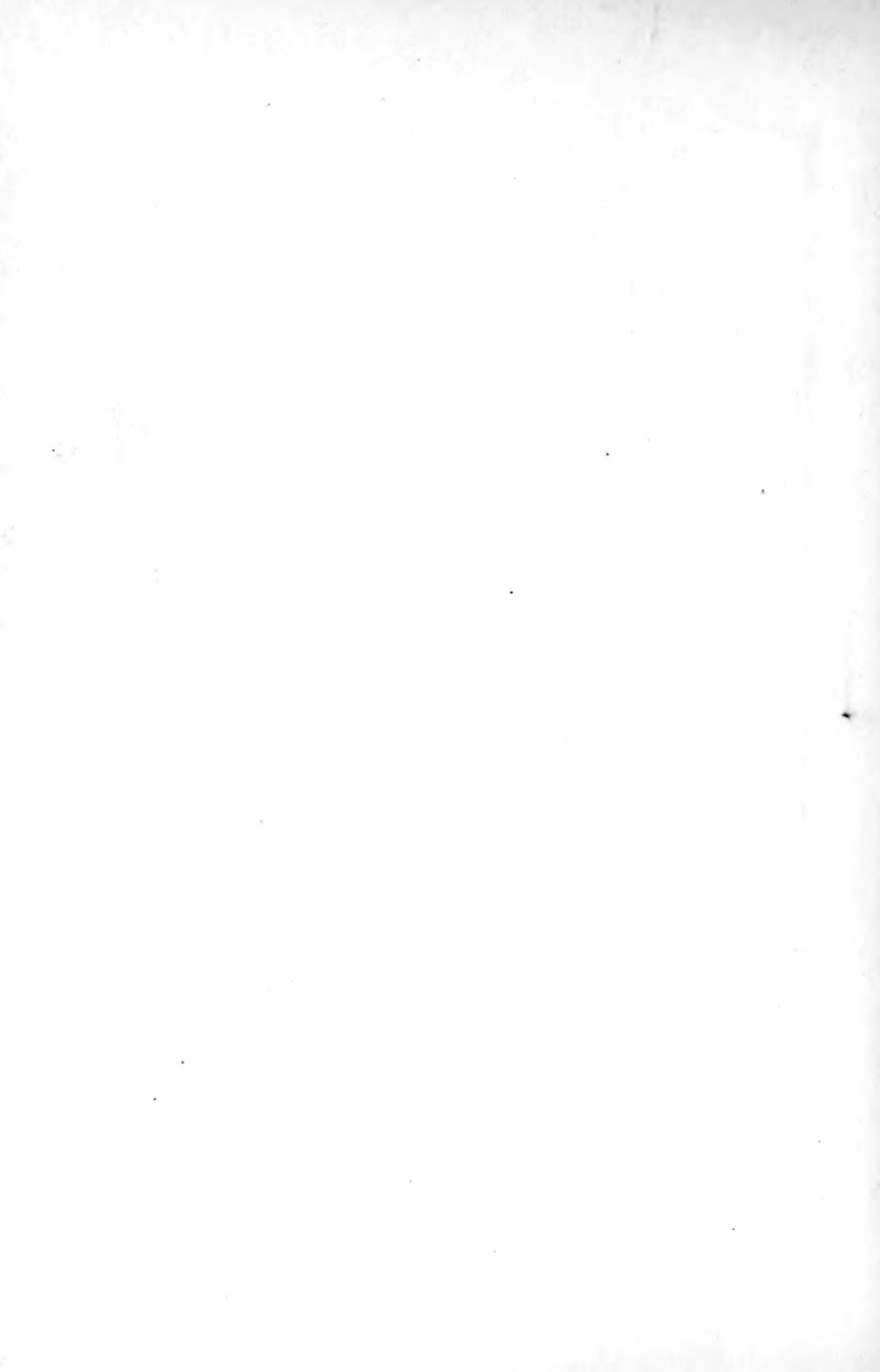
LIVE OAKS AND MOSS CLUB GROUNDS

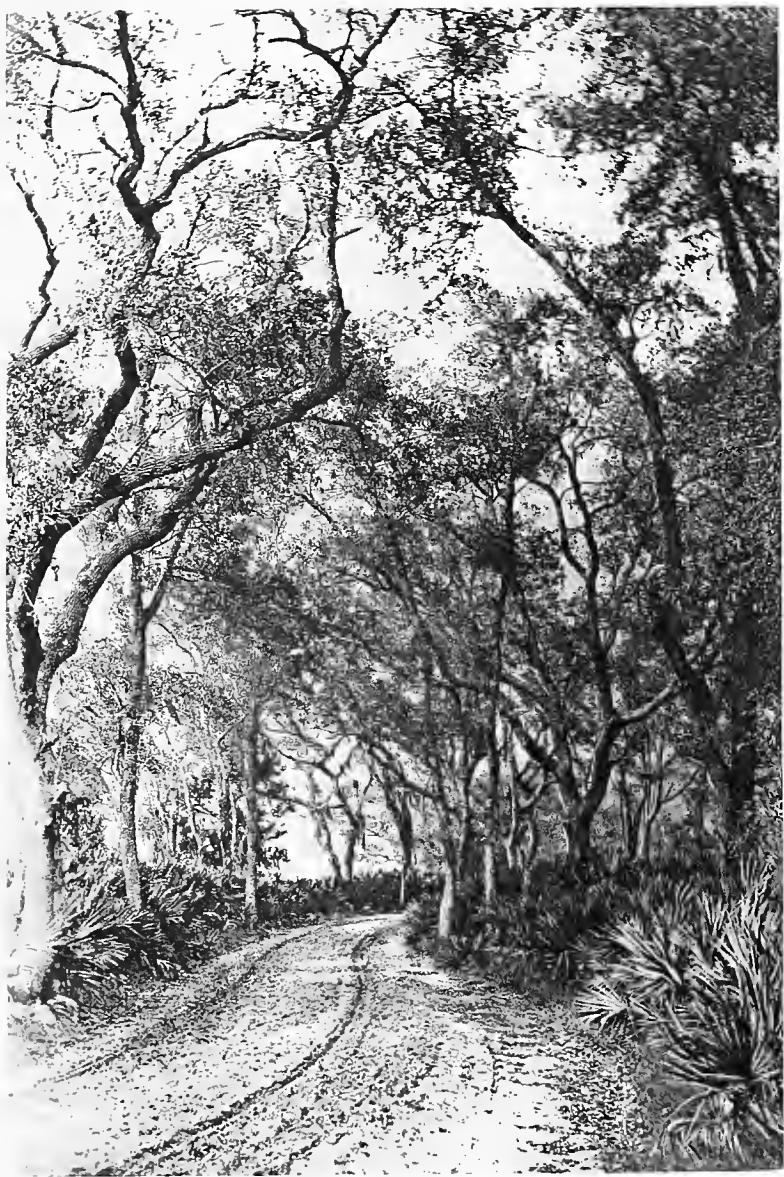


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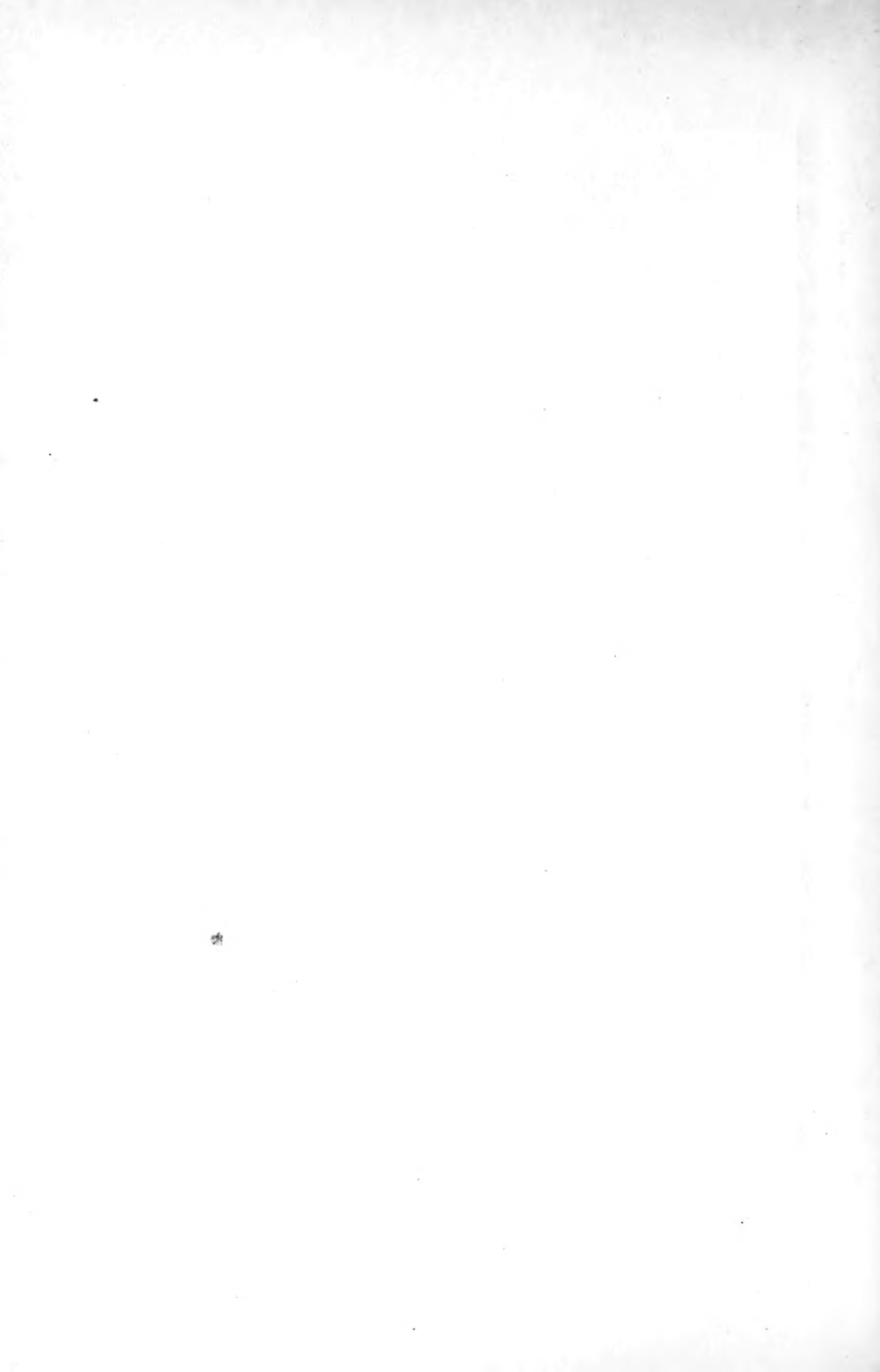


ENCLOSURE OF CLUB GROUNDS





OGLETHORP NEAR LEDGE POND





OGLETHORP ROAD NEAR HALF MOON POND

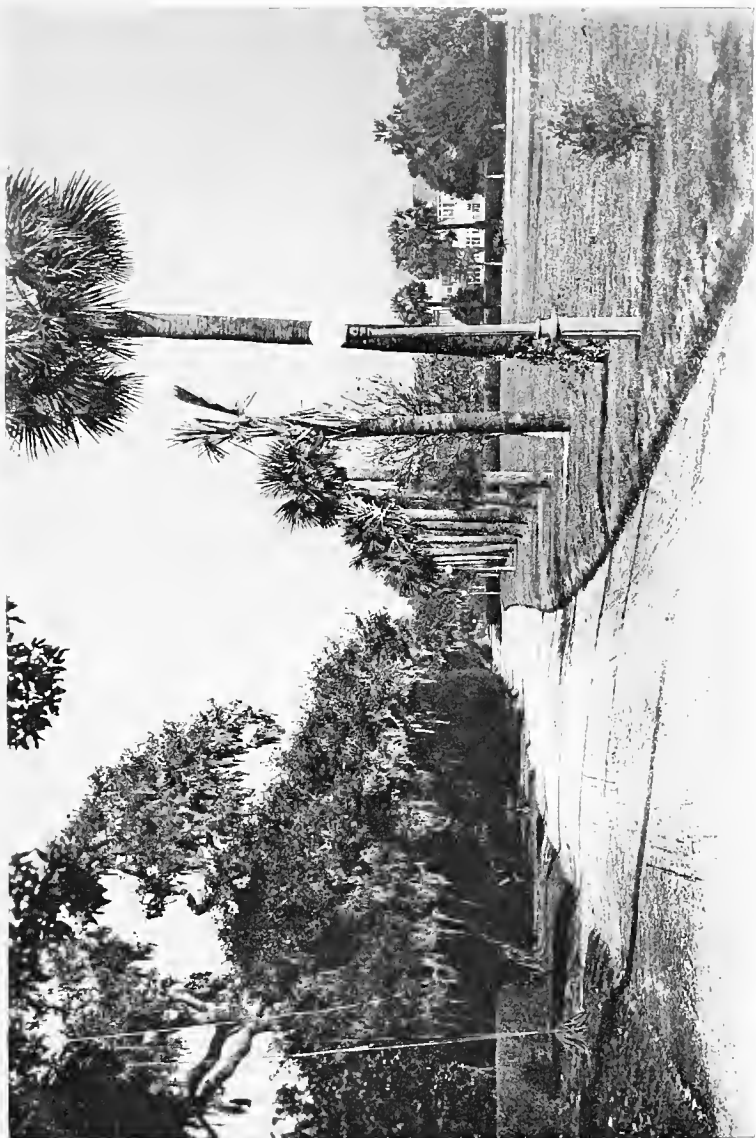


TURN IN OGLETHORP ROAD



FROM CLUB HOUSE LOOKING NORTH





RIVER ROAD - LOOKING NORTH



COTTAGE OF FREDERIC BAKER



OLD PLANTATION ROAD



CHAPEL



SCHOOL HOUSE



COTTAGE OF EDWIN GOULD



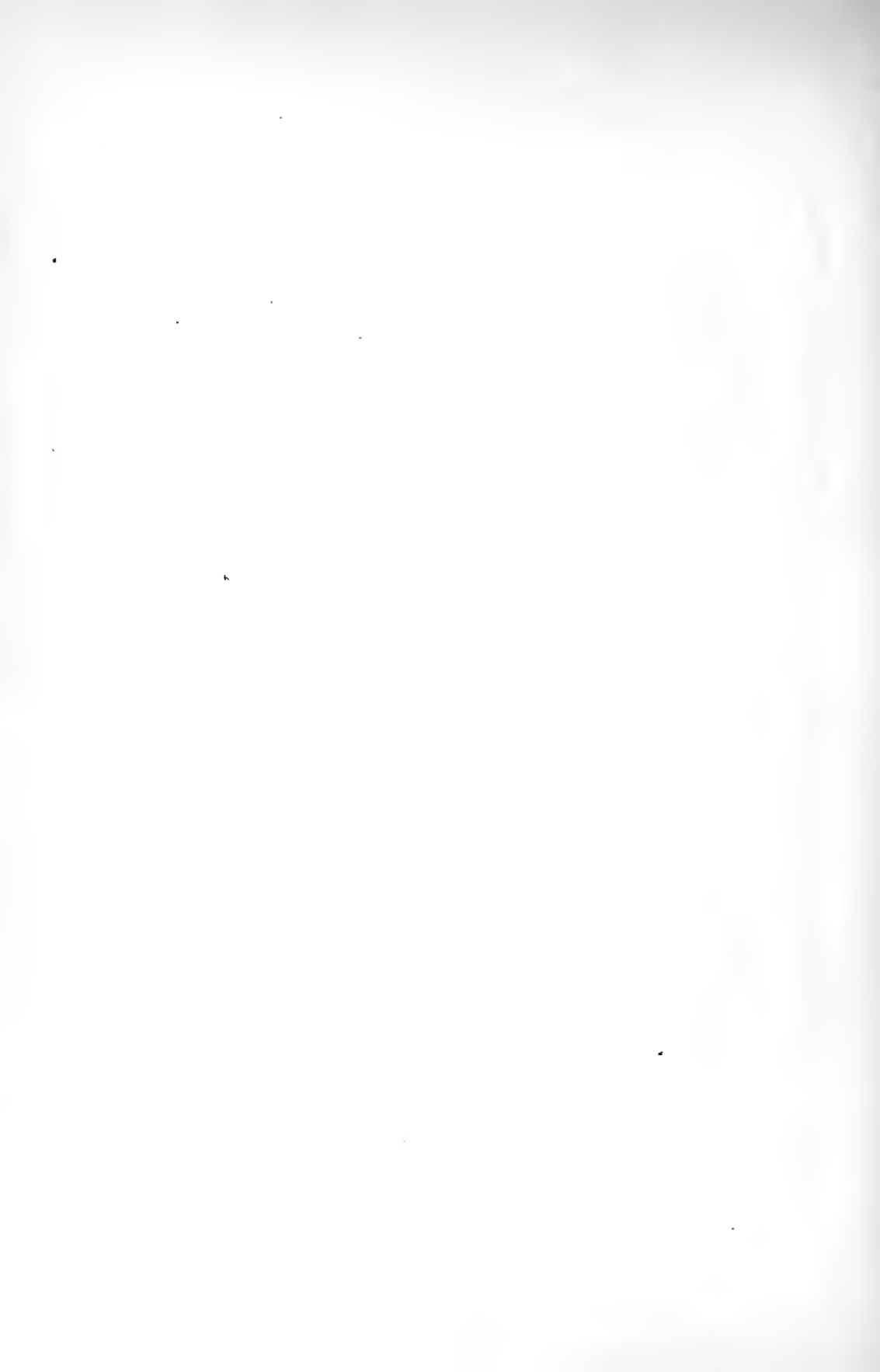
COTTAGE OF MRS. G. F. SHRADY



HOME OF C. S. MAURICE



JESSAMINE ROAD





VIEW FROM OLD GOLF FIELD



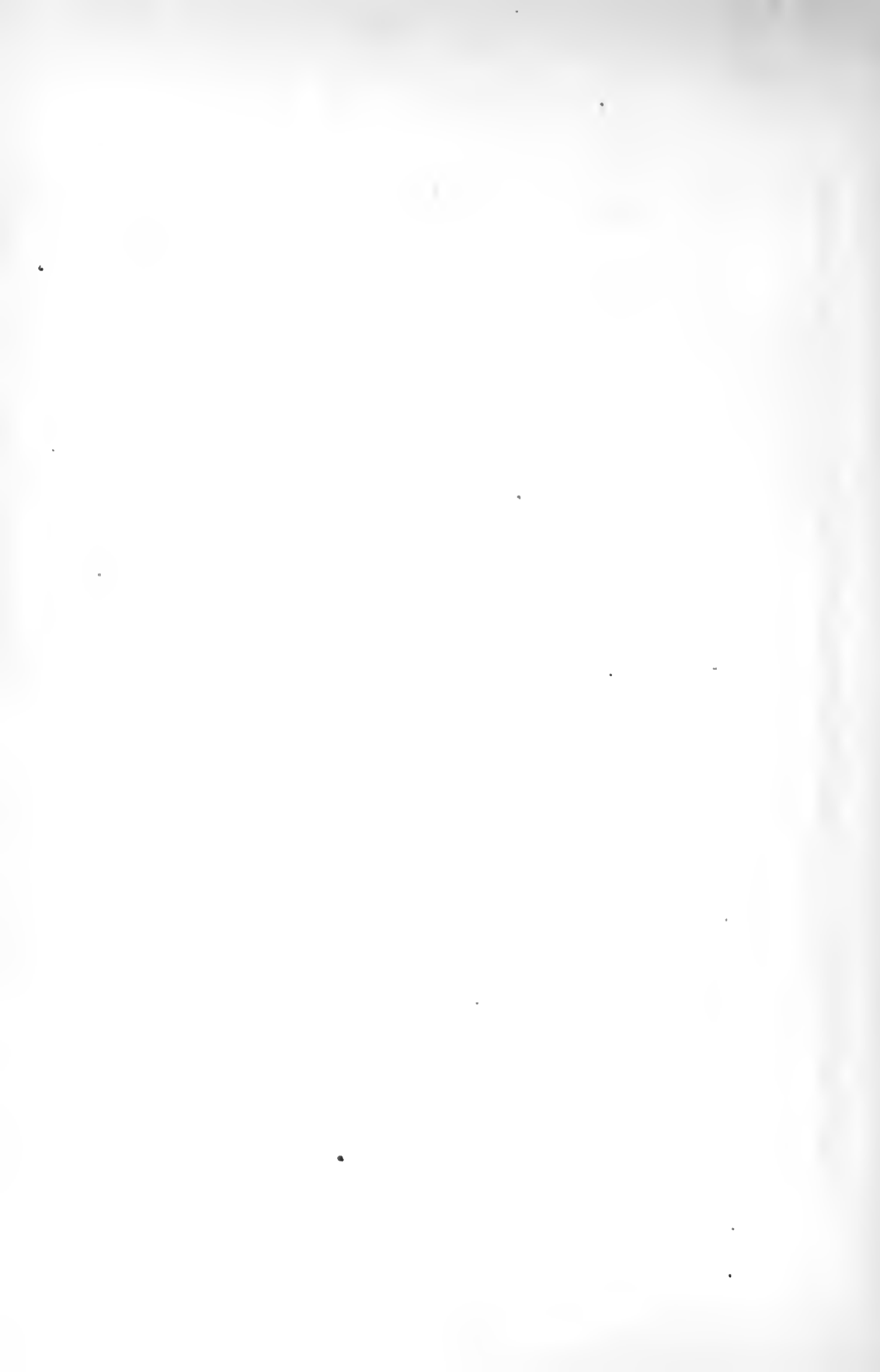
JESSAMINE ROAD AT OLD GOLF COURSE

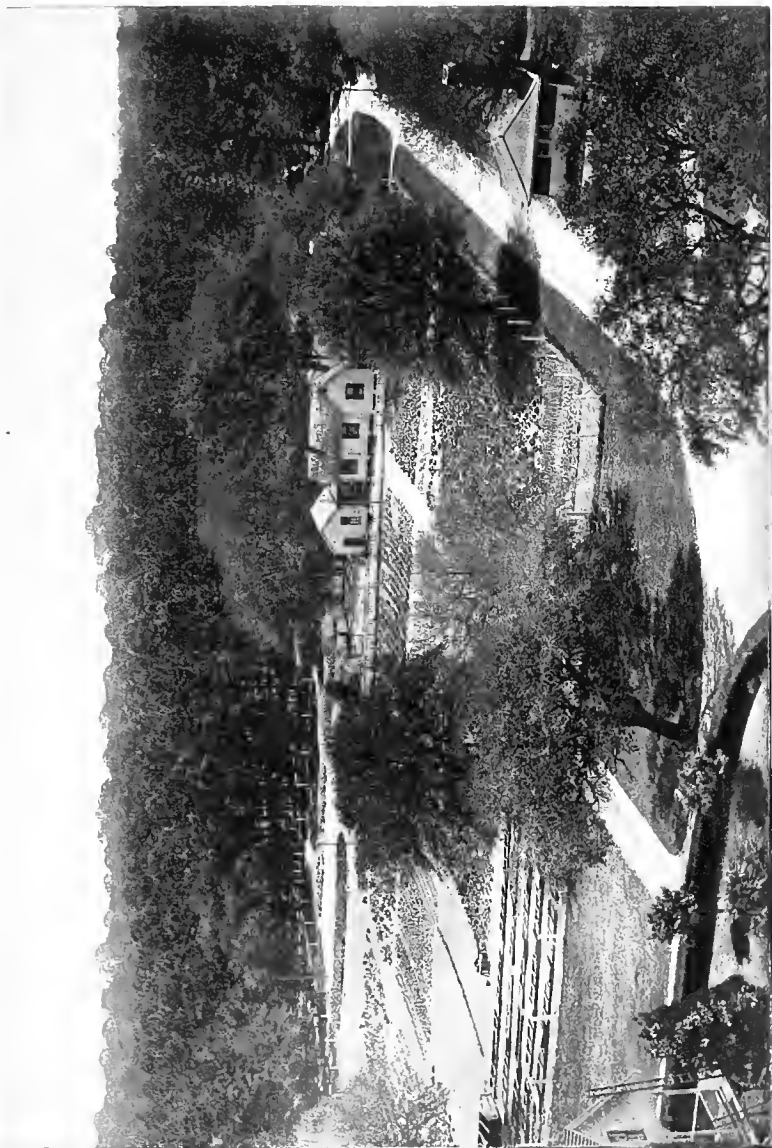


LOOKING EAST FROM FIRST BRIDGE JESSAMINE ROAD.



OLD TABBY HOUSE





BIRDS EYE VIEW OF VEGETABLE GARDEN



NEW GOLF COURSE

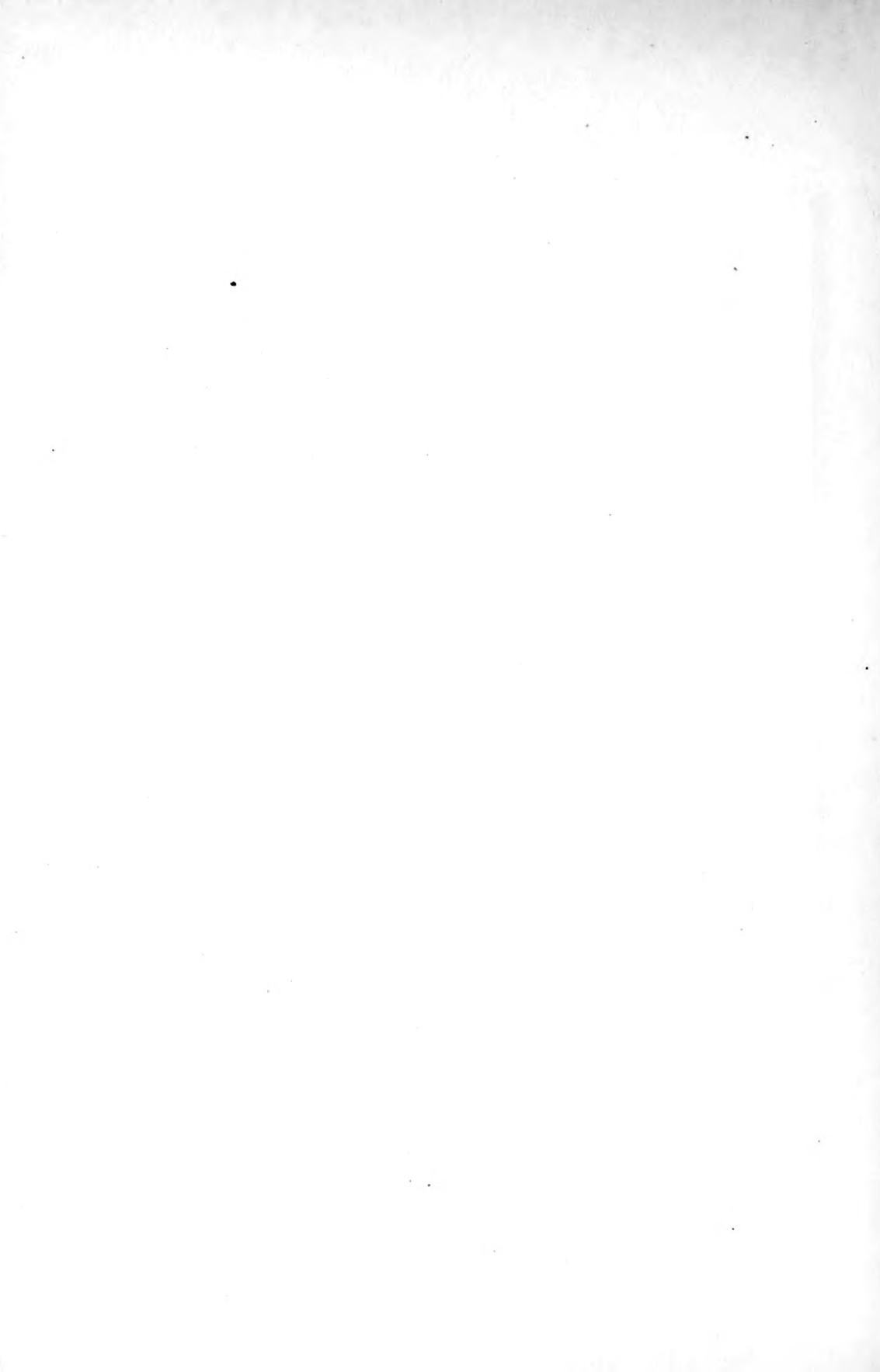


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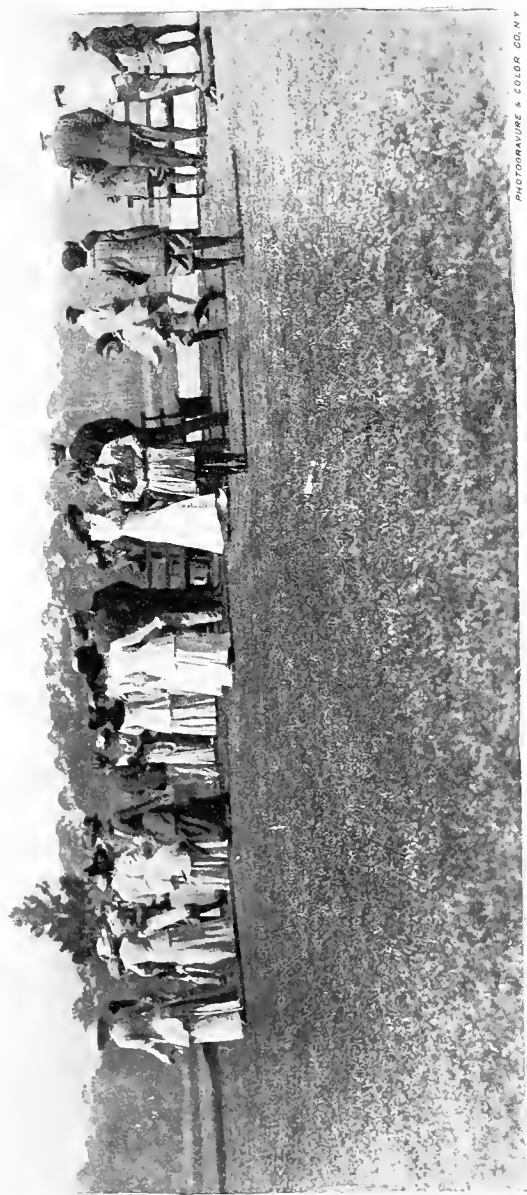




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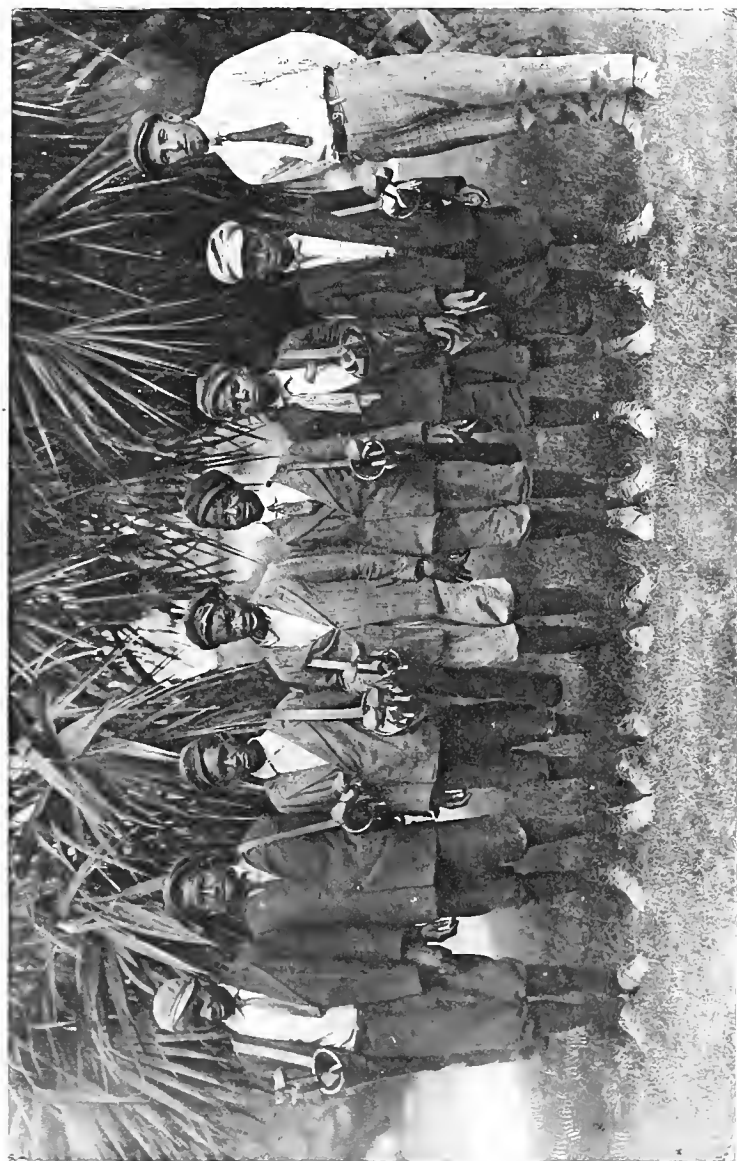


GOLF COURSE



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NEW GOLF COURSE



"JE KYL GOLF" KARL KEFFER, INSTRUCTOR AND CADDIES



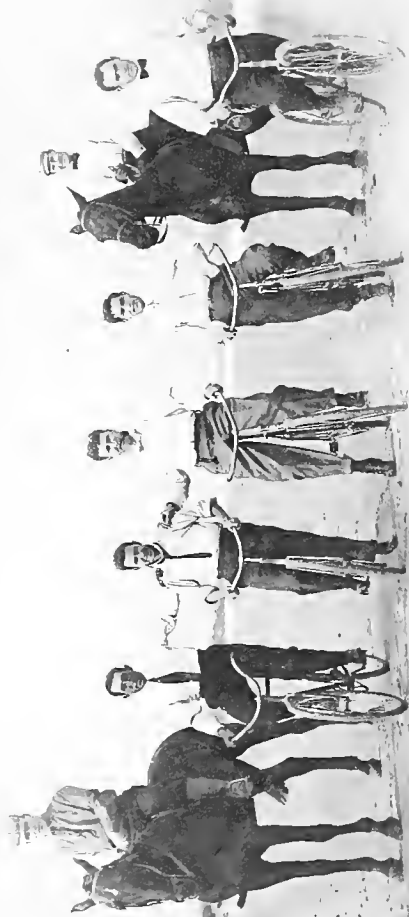
SHELL ROAD TO BEACH



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ATLANTIC OCEAN BEACH



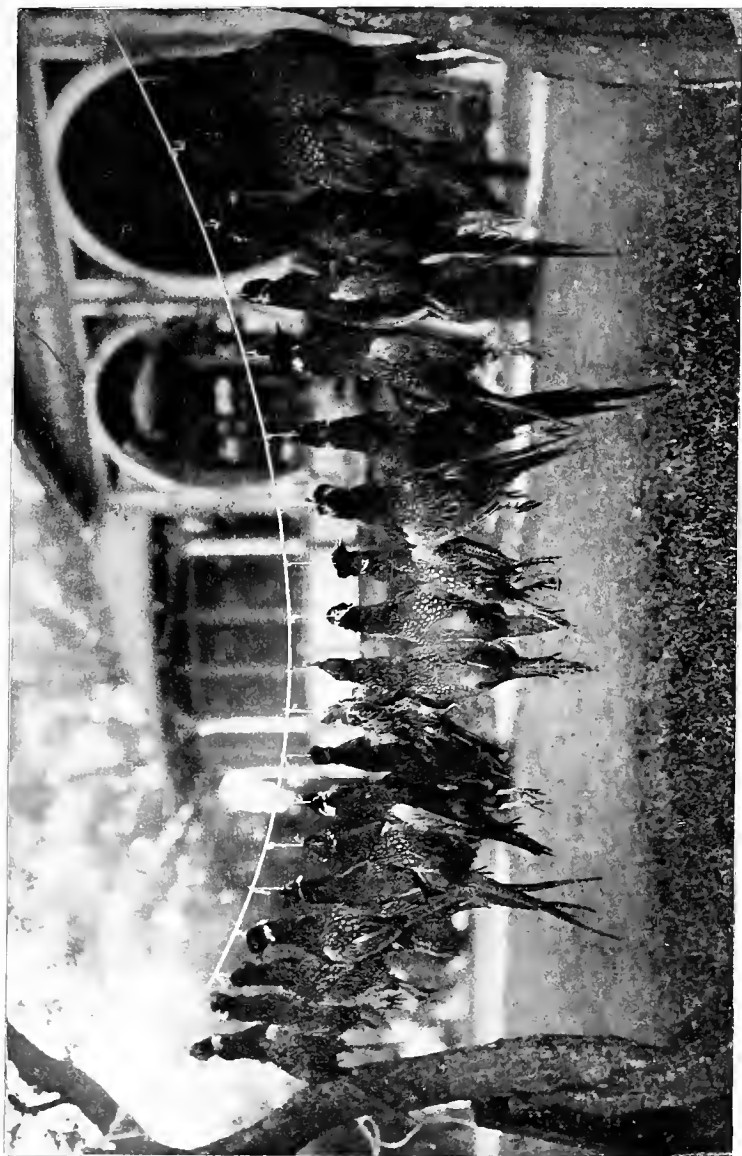
ATLANTIC OCEAN BEACH



BEACH SPORTS



GAMEKEEPER AND HIS DOGS



"PHEASANTS" KILLED ON JEKYL



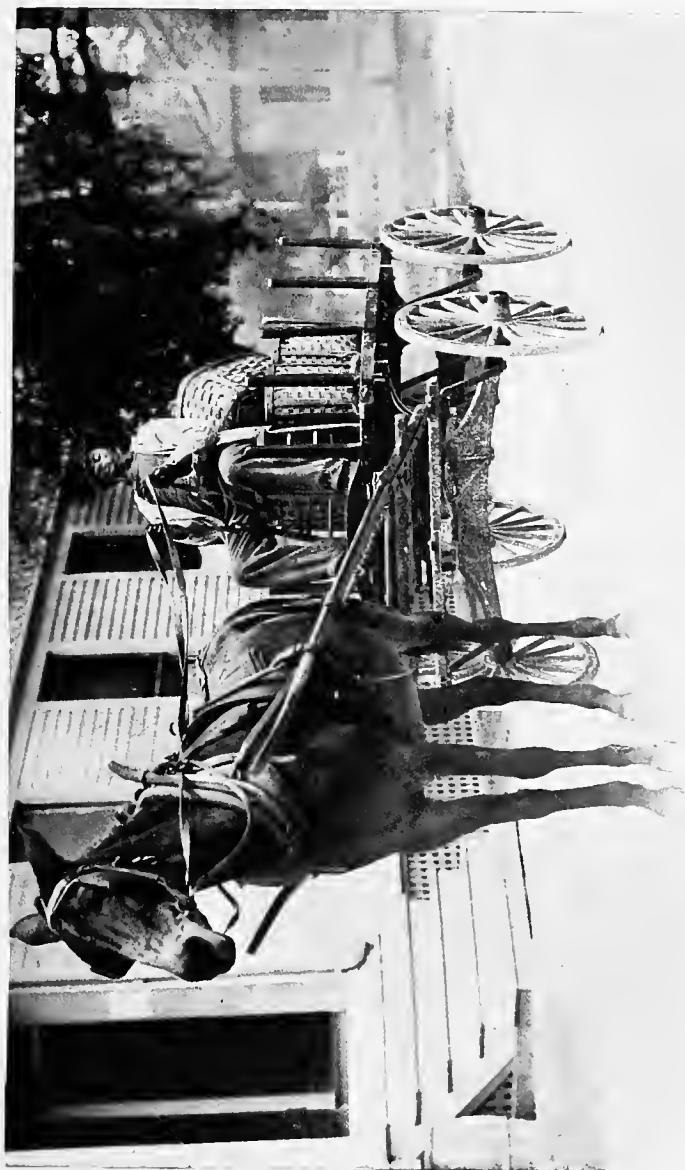
AN AFTERNOON IN FEBRUARY







JOHN CAIN



JOHN CAIN AND RHODA



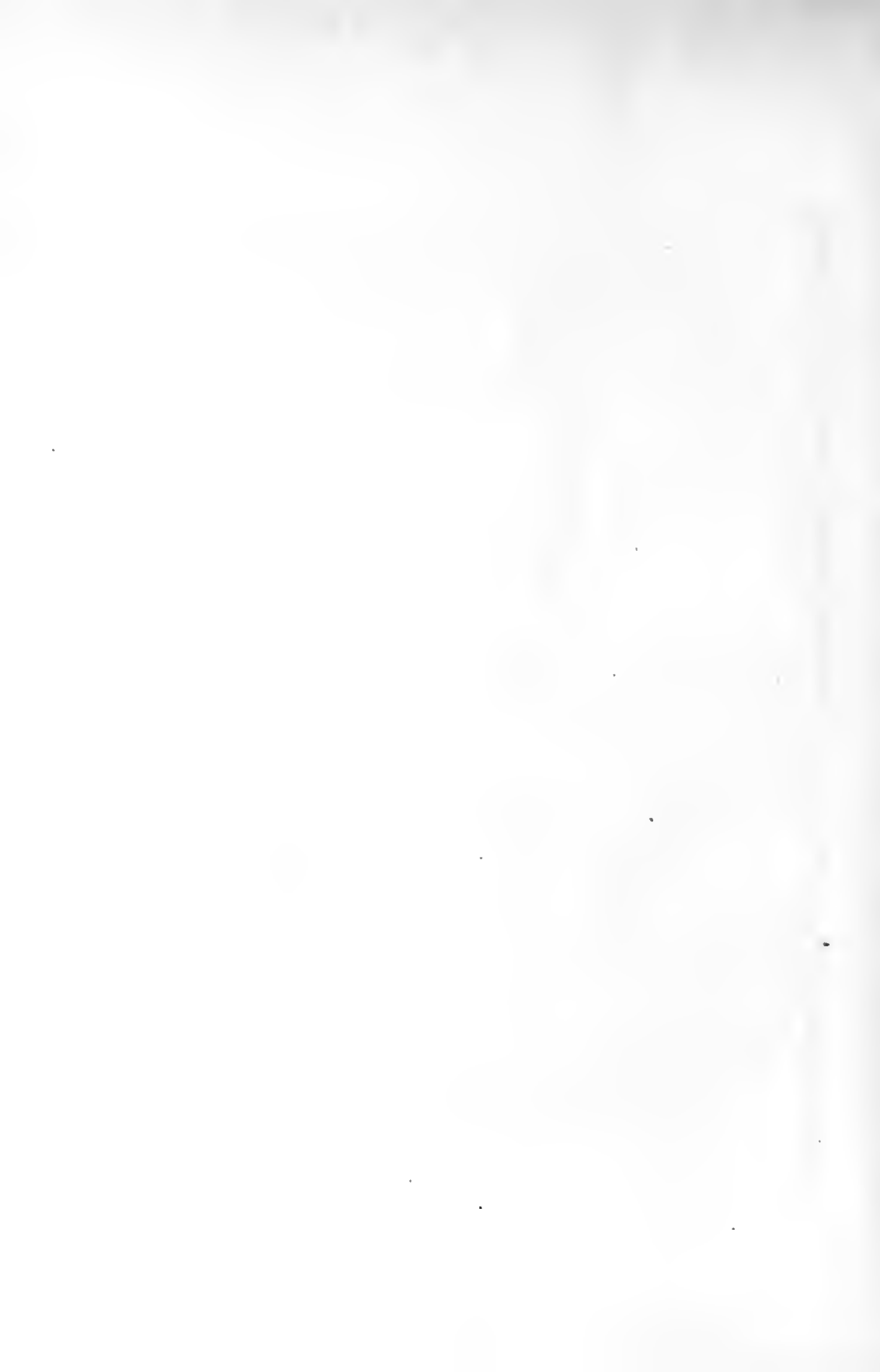
ROAD TO BOAT LANDING



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"GOOD BYE" ON JENKYL WHARF



